

## **FEDERAL LAWS RELEVANT TO SPECIAL EDUCATION IN CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**Presented by the Nevada Department of Education**

The following brief overview of federal education laws as they pertain to special education is intended to be an orientation for those who are unfamiliar with this legislation. Links are intended for locating the full text of these laws and/or their regulations.

### **The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act was reauthorized in 2004.**

Revisions to the IDEA were enacted in December 2004. A copy of the law (P.L. 108-446) can be downloaded as a PDF here:

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=108\\_cong\\_public\\_laws&docid=publ446.108.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=108_cong_public_laws&docid=publ446.108.pdf)

### **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)**

Links to the law, regulations and policy guidance are available online at

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/legislation.htm#leg>

### **504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

Link can be found online at

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/rights/reg/ocr/edlite-34cfr104.htm1#D>

### **Americans with Disability Act (ADA)**

Regulations and technical assistance are available online at

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/publicat.htm>

### **Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**

An explanation is available online at

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

### **Nevada Administrative Code 388 (NAC 388)**

The Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 388 outlines the special education regulations for Nevada. They can be found online at

[www.doe.nv.gov](http://www.doe.nv.gov)